

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST

Winter Travel Restrictions
(Over-Snow Vehicles)

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited in the Area described in this Order, all within the administrative boundaries of the Payette National Forest as shown on the Map attached as Attachment A. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until **March 31, 2019.**

1. Possessing or operating any over-snow vehicle, as defined under 36 CFR 212.1, within the Area in violation of restrictions specified on the Map attached hereto as Exhibit A. **36 CFR 261.56**
2. Using any over-snow vehicle, as defined under 36 CFR 212.1, on the Road in violation of restrictions specified on the Map attached hereto as Exhibit A. **36 CFR 261.54(b)**
3. Using any over-snow vehicle, as defined under 36 CFR 212.1, on the Trail in violation of restrictions specified on the Map attached hereto as Exhibit A. **36 CFR 261.55(b)**

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (3), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty
3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIPTION:

The Winter Travel Restrictions includes all Roads, Trails and Areas as identified on the Map attached hereto as Attachment A, which is incorporated herein by reference.

All Areas affected by this Order are within the administrative boundaries of the Payette National Forest, within Adams, Washington, Gem, Valley and Idaho Counties, Idaho, Boise Meridian.

PURPOSE:

These restrictions are necessary to protect wintering wildlife from disturbance caused by over-snow vehicles, to protect natural resources (physical and biological), and to separate motorized and non-motorized recreation uses to reduce the potential for user conflicts.

DEFINITIONS:

Over-snow vehicle – A motor vehicle that is designed for use over snow and that runs on a track or tracks and/or a ski or skis, while in use over snow. 36 CFR 212.1

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect when signed, and shall remain in effect until **March 31, 2019**.
2. A map identifying the closure Areas is included as Attachment A, and made part of this Order.
3. Any violation of this Order is punishable by fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571 (b)(6) 3581 (b)(7)].
4. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order in the above-described area.
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Payette National Forest Supervisor's Office located in McCall, Idaho, telephone number 208-634-0700.

Done at McCall, Idaho, this 14th day of December, 2017.



KEITH B. LANNOM
Forest Supervisor
Payette National Forest

ASSESSMENT of NEED and ENFORCEMENT PLAN**Background:**

In the past, both summer and winter restrictions on motorized travel on the Payette National Forest (PNF) were displayed on the 1995 Visitor Map accompanied and updated by the yearly *BackRoads* map, enforced through a Special Order.

Publication of the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) in accordance with 36 CFR 212.56, in July 2009, completed the motorized route designation for use of motor vehicles on the PNF during the non-snow season under 36 CFR §212 Subpart B, which replaced the 1995 Visitor Map and updated *BackRoads* map for motor vehicle use other than over-snow vehicles. Winter travel was to be covered with the winter over-snow decision (November 2010), but that decision was appealed and remanded back to the Forest in February of 2011, leaving the Forest with no winter travel map. A Special Order was used to regulate the use of vehicles over-snow that is not covered under MVUM and summer travel plan decisions from 2011 until 2017. In early winter 2017, the Forest issued an Over Snow Vehicle Use Map (OSVUM) to be used to regulate over snow motorized travel in compliance with 36 CFR 212.81. The OSVUM has been withdrawn pending further review, and this Special Order is needed to regulate the use of over snow motorized vehicles not covered under the MVUM and summer travel plan decisions in accordance with prior winter travel management decisions and the Forest Plan.

Intent of Subpart B Order

The PNF has Roads, Trails and areas that have travel restrictions regarding where and when motorized use may be used. In some cases types of travel are restricted to insure user safety. Restrictions have been developed to protect resources (to reduce runoff and sedimentation, provide wildlife and fish security, reduce hunting vulnerability for game species, reduce degradation of water quality, protect riparian areas, and to restore or protect habitat for Threatened, Endangered, Candidate and Sensitive species), and to provide socio/economic benefits (improve safety for Forest visitors, provide a mix of experience opportunities, reduce the cost of Road and Trail maintenance and protect investments in recreation and transportation infrastructure). Restrictions reflect results of decisions made through administrative and NEPA processes across the Forest.

Enforcement Plan

The PNF has produced a free map available to the public that displays the areas closed to over-snow vehicles. The map is available at all PNF offices, at major winter trailhead kiosks, and on the PNF web page.

District staff and participating agencies will continue to post and maintain on the ground signing at locations and media that reasonably bring the restrictions and prohibitions to the attention of the public. Forest Protection Officers, Law Enforcement Officers and other District staff will patrol areas to inform Forest users and gain compliance and take enforcement action on individuals not in compliance with this Order.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Staff</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed Order	Appropriate Staff with LE&I input	12/01/2017
Review proposed Order	Supervisory LEO	12/07/2017
Review proposed Order	RO LE&I and OGC	12/08/2017
Post Order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff	When Signed
Prepare news release for local media describing the Order and management objectives	Forest PAO Staff	As Needed
Compliance and Educational contacts will be made throughout closure time-period	Appropriate Staff LEO/field going personnel	On going

Plan approved for Implementation:



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12/14/17
DATE

ATTACHMENT A

2016 Payette National Forest Winter Travel Map (Cover Page)

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Winter Travel Map Payette National Forest

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